

**Graduate and Professional Students Association**  
**Graduate Assembly Meeting**  
Twelfth Legislature—Seventh Regular Session  
2:00 P.M. March 20, 2015  
Wrigley Hall L01-04—Arizona State University, Tempe Campus

Present:

Daniel Burillo, Kerem Demirtas, Irfan Kula, Rohan Shah, Tara Salehpour, Lusia Nurani, Katherine Brown, Owen McKenna, Bobby Abdallah, Yanqin Liu, Emily McIvor, Anna Montana Cirell, Chun Tao, Rajat Aggarwal, Ashley Laverty, Jessie Green, Mustafa Demir, German Cadenes, Kerrie Wilkins, Pauline Venieris

New Member Candidates:

None

By Proxy:

Hilary Charles (Josh Huggins), Sultan Kilinc (Kerrie Wilkins), Christian Sandoval (Pauline Venieris), Bryson Jones (Arial Davis), Michael Bernstein (Mukunth Natarajan)

Absent:

Yashwanth Nanda Kumar, Yashu Chen, Jillian Childress, Andrew Waldron, Evelyn Baca, David Bakardjiev, Peter Krehbiel, Jordan Hibbs, Greg May, Jesus Cisneros,

Minutes

- I. Call to Order
  - a. Called to order at 2:17pm
  
- II. Approval of the Minutes
  - a. February minutes motion to approve by Abdalla; seconded by Mcenna; motion was approved
  
- III. Amendments to the Agenda
  - a. None
  
- IV. Call to the Audience
  - a. None
  
- V. Executive reports
  - a. GPSA Assembly President report by Assembly Pro Tempore Emily McIvor
  - b. GPSA President report by German Cadenes
  - c. Internal Affairs report by Kerrie Wilkins
  - d. Professional Development report by Pauline Venieris
  - e. External Affairs report by Emily McIvor
  
- VI. USG Report
  - a. None
  
- VII. Thunderbird welcome
  - a. Student Representatives: Tion Bamaby, Sabah Hussain, Nicolas Del Granado
  - b. International school
  - c. The student government has not always been called that
  - d. Has always included student advocacy, student organization support, and student events
  
- VIII. Committee Reports
  - a. Gov ops
    - i. Making progress on Supreme Court; expect a bill at next assembly meeting

- b. Assembly Operations: Emily
  - i. First time reaching our budget
  - ii. Considering changes that could make processing clearer by semester and organization
- c. International Student Affairs: German Cadenas
  - i. Created first international student concerns committee
- d. CLAS Committee: Bobby Abdallah
  - i. Collecting data for new CLAS programs

IX. Old Business

- a. None

X. New Business

- a. AB 24 – Director Language
  - i. Brown: campus directors moving from 4 to 2?
  - ii. McIvor: explain that this is better for workload
  - iii. Cadenas: suggests 4 directors
  - iv. Brown: suggests we table this bill until Andy can present and explain
  - v. Venieres: explains
  - vi. Motion to delay bill until next meeting (Cirell, Charles)
    - 1. Motion passes verbally
- b. AB 25 – GSO Funding
  - i. Questions and clarifications of process:
    - 1. Funding amounts are pre-approved for reimbursement
    - 2. Receipts are due 14 days after the event
  - ii. Bill is written with full funding and 75% funding option
  - iii. We have ~\$9k funds left
  - iv. Rumors are that GPSA is out of funding, concern about groups applying for funding in April
  - v. Summer events tend to be very low
  - vi. We do have room in other places in the budget, so there's no need to penalize groups with plans, we can take funds from other organizations
  - vii. Concerns raised about consistency of 75% cut concept throughout the year
  - viii. Cadenas: the remainder will be funded from other parts of the organization
  - ix. Consideration
  - x. Call the question at 100% (McKenna, Brown)
    - 1. Bill passes
- c. AB 26 – Language Updates
  - i. Call the question (Salehpour, Green)
    - 1. Bill passes
- d. AB 27 – Proxy bill
  - i. Venieres: suggests removing Executives & Directors
  - ii. Tao: suggests Directors okay because they're not required, but also that representative should be required to be from the same college
  - iii. McKenna suggests that those are two separate issues
  - iv. Jones argues proxy should be from same school
  - v. Lou: concern that person may be unfamiliar with proceedings
  - vi. Cirell: concern about not meeting quorum
  - vii. General discussion of representation and language
  - viii. Revised language to limit to same school and no officers or directors
  - ix. Call the vote to amend the bill: (Salehpour, McKenna)
    - 1. Vote passes
  - x. Call the question: (Salehpour, McKenna)

XI. Graduate Student Forum

a. None

XII. Announcements

- a. Rajat Aggarwal shares updates from photography contest, badminton league, indoor soccer
- b. Wilkins: Thursdays 6 – 7:30pm at GSP is tea time event for
- c. Cadenes: Title IX training, please send feedback to execs
- d. Venieres: See the Uncheck Yourself Facebook page “I am \_\_\_\_\_, but I am not \_\_\_\_\_”

XIII. Adjournment

- a. 4:25 pm